

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA**

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Elephant Population
Verma Shri Anshul

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the population of elephants get affected due to their regular travel across Indo-Bangladesh border and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether a corridor is proposed to be created to ensure the movement of elephants across the international border and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said proposal is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI ANIL MADHAV DAVE)

- (a) Yes Sir. The cross border movement of elephants across India-Bangladesh borders is known to take place sometimes.
- (b) During the 'First Indo-Bangladesh Dialogue on Trans-boundary Conservation of Elephants' held on 19-20, August, 2015 at Kolkata, it was recommended to facilitate natural migration of elephants between two countries through identified elephant corridors.
- (c) A proposal for trans-boundary conservation has been formulated and communicated to the Government of Bangladesh for consideration. As an international bilateral matter, no time frame can be specified for concurrence and implementation.
